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RE: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program

Dear Mr. Goldstene:

I am writing to confirm my company's strong commitment to the project application your agency has received from the South Coast AQMD as part of the submittals under the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program. This application seeks funding support for our company's effort to deploy 400 low emission natural gas trucks in our LA / Long Beach port drayage operation. With ARB's support, California Cartage Company will deploy 400 heavy-duty Sterling (Freightliner) trucks powered by dedicated natural gas engines (Cummins ISL G), engines which the US EPA and ARB have certified to the 2010 on-road emission standards of 0.2 g/bhp-hr NOx and 0.01 g/bhp-hr PM. As you are aware, this is the only engine in the United States which is currently certified to these extremely low emission levels. Simply put, this is the cleanest commercially available truck that a fleet operator can buy today and we want to put 400 of them on the road in the San Pedro Bay Ports.

The deployment of 400 trucks powered by this engine will comply with the strictest final compliance targets of the ARB Port Truck Drayage Rule nearly six (6) years ahead of schedule, thus providing considerable air quality benefits to those that live and work in the San Pedro Bay Ports and throughout the Southern California region. These super clean trucks will greatly assist in the reduction of regional NOx emissions, ozone and smog, and will eliminate local diesel particulate emissions in our goods movement operations and in the port facilities, rail yards, distribution centers and corridors we serve. The public health benefits of this project will be tremendous. In addition, given the findings of a recent California Energy Commission study, our project should reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by approximately 20% from the diesel baseline based upon a well-to-wheels analysis.

California Cartage Company is the largest port trucking company in the San Pedro Bay Ports. We are a family-owned company that has been serving the Southern California logistics industry since 1944. We believe that our proactive plans will demonstrate to the other companies working in the port drayage business the kinds of clean technologies that our industry must adopt

Our project will provide extremely cost-effective emission reductions for California. Of the \$50,000 requested for each truck from the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program, approximately \$80,000 in cost-share will be provided, thus helping to maximize and leverage the state's bond funding.

The deployment of 400 dedicated natural gas trucks in a single project will provide a simple "one stop shop" for the state to allocate a portion of the funding from the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program. Thus, in addition to the emission reductions, this will also reduce the administrative requirements and administrative costs required to implement this project.

While we recognize that due to the program guidelines, ARB will not be able to provide the requested funding as part of its \$25 million early program efforts, we hope that a good portion of our project can be funded as part of these early efforts, with the balance receiving funding in subsequent rounds. California Cartage Company will be ready to immediately implement its 400 truck project as soon as some or all of the requested funds are provided and the necessary contracts are in place. Our efforts will thus meet the goals of Senate Bill 88 to "maximize the emission reductions benefits, [and] achieve the earliest possible health risk reduction in heavily impacted communities...," as well as Governor Schwarzenegger's goals to "expedite project application and award procedures, and ensure projects are completed in record time." In addition to these state goals, our project will greatly exceed the goals of the Clean Air Action Plan.

In summary, our company is extremely excited about its proposed project to deploy 400 of the world's lowest-emission alternative fuel trucks in Southern California goods movement applications. Our project will significantly help to achieve a wide array of state and local emission and energy security goals. We look forward to partnering with the ARB, AQMD and other goods movement stakeholders to ensure the success of our efforts. Should you have any questions about our company or our project, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A Curry, Sr.

President

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